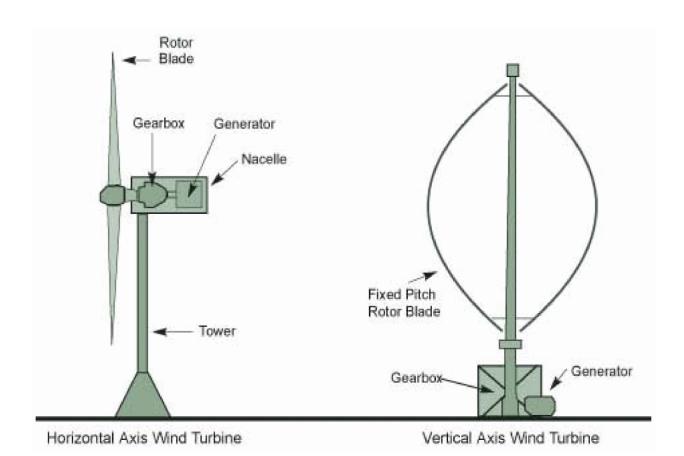
HORIZONTAL AXIS WIND TURBINE (HAWT) vs. VERTICAL AXIS WIND TURBINE (VAWT)



Main rotor shaft in the

horizontal direction.

- Small generators are pointed into the wind by a simple wind vane.
- Requires a relatively high wind speed.
- Operates at a high RPM.
- Higher vibration levels.
- Can be noisy.

- Main rotor shaft in vertical direction.
- Operates with wind from any direction.
- Designed for low wind speed.
- Operates at a low RPM.
- Lower Vibration levels.
- Small noise levels.

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